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#### Content of This Number





Two of our eminent board members are now certified as Fellows of The Royal Philatelic Society London.



Hany Salam



Mahmoud Ramadan





It is with heavy hearts that we received the sad news about Dr. Sherif El-Kerdani, a man with great contribution to the Egyptian Philatelic Society and to the Egyptian Philately.

In addition to being a board member of the EPS, Dr. Sherif was a scholar not only of the Posta Europea but also of many traditional and postal history topics. We shall all miss his visits to the EPS premises and the fruitful discussions, something he had been always keen on.

Dr. Kerdani left his mark to remain.

بقلوب مؤمنة تلقينا النبأ الحزين عن الدكتور شريف الكرداني، رجل له إسهامات كبيرة لجمعية الطوابع المصرية وللهواية بصفة عامة.

لم يكن د. شريف عضوا في مجلس ادارة الجمعية فحسب بل باحنًا في Posta Europea و العديد من موضوعات البريد التقليدي والتاريخ البريدي. سنفتقد جميعا زيار اته لمقر الجمعية والمناقشات المثمرة التي كان يحرص عليها دائما.

البقاء لله و انا لله و انا اليه ر اجعون

#### Three hotel cancellations on one post card

#### By Ahmed Almaghraby

كارت بوستال ضمن مجموعة كروت الكوميك الخاصة بمجموعة شركات Raphael Truk & Sons لقيته ضمن مجموعتى يحتوى على ثلاث أختام فنادق:

1- ختم فندق شبر دType : H-Sp 7

2- ختم فندق سافوى أسوان2 Type : H- Sva

3- ختم فندق ونتربلاس الأقصر Type : H- WP4

والكارت واحد من ثمانية كروت من مجموعة كوميك أصدار عام 1908

أنتاج وتنفيذ شركة Raphael Truk & Sons

رسومات المصور الانجليزي Lance Thacheray

عنوان الكروت : احوال المصريين المعيشية وتصرفاتهم

كل كارت من المجموعة بيحكى موقف طريف على جزئين : جزء أكبر فى الكارت وهو بداية الحكاية ويليه الجزء الثانى صغير فى طرف الكارت بقية الحكاية ..... ودا بيدى نوع من الفكاهة والسخرية البسيطة وبداية من انواع الرسوم المتحركة فى بداية القرن الماضى وقبل التصوير السينمائى او التلفزيونى

معلومة بسيطة عن الرسام الانجليزى Lance Thacheray الذى ولد سنة 1869 فى انجلترا وحضر الى مصر متعاقدا مع شركة Raphael Truk & Sons لتقديم رسومات عن مصر فى بداية 1904 وقدم أكثر من 950 عملا وتم طباعتها على كروت بوستال للشركة فى مصر واستمر العمل فى مصر حتى بداية الحرب العالمية الاولى ولكن مرض مرضا شديدا وعاد الى انجلترا وتوفى سنة 1916 عن عمر يناهز 47 عاما انجز فيهم العديد من الرسومات والاعمال الفنية عن مصر واحوال وطبيعة المصريين





### Provisional Issue – 1<sup>st</sup> January 1879

#### 2 values – 5 paras and 10 paras

#### By EPS member Sherif Samra





Surcharge essay - 5 paras





Surcharge essay - 10 paras

## <u>2 values – 5 paras and 10 paras</u> <u>Provisional Issue – 1<sup>st</sup> January 1879</u>

In 1878 a fourth issue of Egyptian stamps with a revised design had been proposed but the supply of this new issue was delayed by the Egyptian Government haggling over the price and by suggesting alterations to the design. Neither of which was acceptable to the printers De La Rue & Co. Ltd. of London. A provisional issue became necessary when supplies of the 5 and 10 paras values used for domestic and printed matter rates became low because of the delay.

It had been realised that there was a large surplus of the 2 1/2 piastre value of the then current third issue. That was partly arising from the adherence of Egypt to the U.P.U. convention which caused changes in the postal rates for which the 2 1/2 piastre stamps had previously been required: e.g. for the carriage of mail in accordance with the Conventions with Austria in 1868 and Italy in 1872. To provide the values required and to try to dispose of the surplus 2 1/2 piastre stamps it was decided to overprint these stamps with the "5 paras" and "10 paras" values.

The overprints were lithographed in black by the Government printing works at Boulac, Cairo in complete sheets of 200 stamps. The printing stone being built up from an intermediate stone of 50 subjects. Guidelines were removed from the 5 paras stone. Some were left on the 10 paras stone and can be seen on some of the stamps overprinted with that value.

Overprints of the two values were made on sheets of stamps originally perforated both 12 1/2 and 12 1/2 x 13 1/4. The stamps were on sale only at the main post offices in Cairo and Alexandria.

<u>This one frame illustrates the major varieties of the surcharge</u> including the top rarity of position 154 inverted surcharge, the shades of colours, the perforations, the positions and the usage.





5 Paras overprinted on 2 1/2 Piastres in bright violet block of 60, perforations 12 1/2. Stamp number 1: variety Cleft Pyramid and stamp number54: variety Indented Frame.









Block of 4 in extra deep violet. Unusual.



Vertical misperforations.



S.E. Value damaged in stamp 1



Broken 5



Indented Frame





Left Side of Frame Doubled









DNEB 804 a



INDNEB 804 a





<u>2 values – 5 paras and 10 paras</u> <u>Provisional Issue – 1<sup>st</sup> January 1879</u>



Top left marginal block of four of 10 Paras overprinted on 2 1/2 Piastres. In bright violet. Variety: Cleft Pyramid underneath the **0** on stamp number 1.



Top left marginal corner block of ten in dull violet. Variety: Cleft Pyramid underneath the **0** stamp number 1.









Variety: misplacement right. Block of 4 perforations 13 1/2 x 12 1/2.



Block of 4 perforations 12 1/2.



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Positions of the sheet in bright and dull violet.



Block of 9. Variety: misplacement upward and right.

# <u>2 values – 5 paras and 10 paras</u> <u>Provisional Issue – 1<sup>st</sup> January 1879</u>





Two examples: imperforates in grey and dull violet.



Trace of Surcharge.



In Grey víolet Inverted surcharge.



Unused Pale violet Inverted surcharge.



Surcharge upwards.



Blue Postmark.



Varíety: moon on **O** Inverted surcharge.



Inverted watermark Inverted surcharge.



Horízontal misperforatíons.



Dramatic misplacement.



Variety: Dot on **1** Inverted surcharge.



Used in deep violet Inverted surcharge.



Surcharge downwards.

2 values – 5 paras and 10 paras <u>Provisional Issue – 1<sup>st</sup> January 1879</u> 10 Used and unused inverted surcharge of charcters and figures. Surcharge is lifted upwards. Two sheets are known. Violet Cancellation. Blue Cancellation. Green Cancellation.

Perf 12 1/2.

Perf 13 x 13 1/2.

Perf 12 1/2 x 13.

DNER 804 a



The members of the Philatelic Society of Egypt, PSE, have for some time noticed that Arabic texts whether on covers, postcards, documents ... etc. are being erroneously translated into English in catalogs, magazines, websites and even private collections, with serious consequences to the interpretation of the item in question.

The PSE has a group of members who are fluent in both Arabic and English languages and are gladly willing to help not only with any translation required, but also with the interpretation of other aspects relating to social, historical and geographical circumstances of the time, such as familial salutations, bureaucratic jargon, handwritten annotations and talismanic markings.

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